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MEMBER OF CONGRESS
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Hon. Vernon S. Broderick
United States District Judge
Southern District of New York
Thurgood Marshall U.S. Courthouse
40 Foley Square
New York, NY 10007

Dear Judge Broderick,

I'm writing to recommend former Congressman Chris Collins. I had the honor of serving with Chris and working with him once I left Congress.

In my current capacity with a large law firm, I lobby for and represent a business which is located just outside of his former district. The business has an issue with a nebulous ruling of a governmental agency. One which required Congressional assistance. The business has bipartisan support of its position.

On behalf of the constituent, Chris went to bat above and beyond the call of duty. He met with them and contacted the governmental agency several times to try to resolve the matter. He was fair, thorough and responsive. His on-hands approach was diligent and professional throughout the process. Chris' support was essential in attempting to reach a resolution and giving the constituent a voice in Washington.

I know how sorry Chris is as respects the matter before you. He has expressed his sorrow to me for the pain this has caused his family and the people of New York. But I wanted to make sure that you knew a side of him that may not be known to the court.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Jack Kingston".

Jack Kingston

November 8, 2019

Hon. Vernon S. Broderick
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Re: Chris Collins

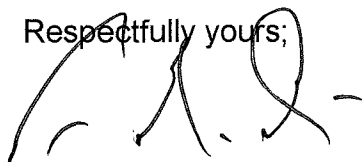
Dear Judge Broderick;

I have known and worked with Chris for over ten years. I was appointed as the Commissioner of Erie County Central Police Services when he was Erie County Executive. We became friends and spent a considerable amount of time together with our wives. Chris has always demonstrated the highest level of honesty, integrity and a passionate work ethic. He worked for one dollar a year when elected and often was the first one in and last to leave. He supported and allowed me to rid our agency of political contracts and unnecessary expenditures. He strongly supported law enforcement efforts and forming of a warrant squad and crime scene response unit which was used in Erie and surrounding counties. He supported and expanded our Homeland Security initiatives to protect WNY citizens.

When elected to Congress he often worked six and seven day weeks attending events and giving awards on holidays to veterans outside of his district...when a Congresswoman refused because she did not work holidays. Chris and Mary have supported charity events financially and investing their time and energy to see them succeed. His constituents have supported him after his indictment and he has worked diligently for them and our Country.

The Chris Collins that has been depicted by the media and justice department is not the Chris Collins I know and respect. He has admitted his mistake and taken responsibility for it.

Respectfully yours;



Peter M. Vito

JAMES T. SANDORO

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November 15, 2019

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Re: United States vs Chris Collins

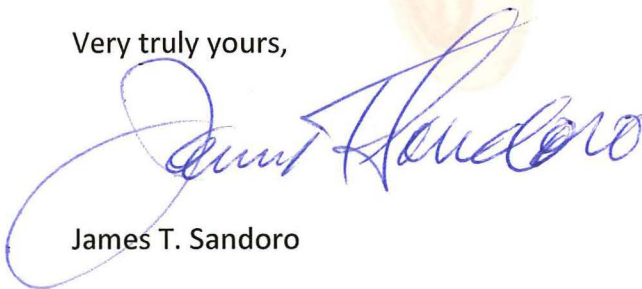
Dear Judge Broderick:

I have known Chris Collins and his wife, Mary, for approximately twelve years. When he served as County Executive for Erie County of Western New York, he asked me to be his representative on the Board of Directors of the Buffalo Convention and Visit Buffalo Niagara, the region's tourism entity. I was appointed by him to be able to change the composition of the board so that the director at that time could be replaced. That director had allowed the number of hotel owners on the board to block the idea of new hotels in the City at a time when new hotels would have made it possible to expand our convention center business as well as service restaurants and cultural entities.

Thanks to Chris' guidance, tourism has been changed forever in Buffalo. New hotels are flourishing. Buffalo has witnessed a renaissance made possible by his leadership. He and his wife have been very conscious of history in Buffalo and how significant it is to promoting the area to the world. For that, we thank him. I hope you will look favorably on the good deeds he has done for the people of Erie County and Western New York.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,



James T. Sandoro

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November 18, 2019

Subject: United States v. Christopher Collins

Dear Judge Broderick;

My interactions with Congressman Christopher Collins are of a Professional Status. SCOPE (Shooters Committee on Political Education) of New York is a 501-C4 organization. The purpose of this organization is the defense of the 2nd Amendment to the Constitution, The Right to Keep and Bear Arms. I am writing as the Chairman of Yates County SCOPE and also as the 2nd Vice President of New York State SCOPE.

As a member of SCOPE, the organization is committed to working with the public to educate the citizens of New York on the importance of the Constitution and what the founders brought to the public to guide our Republic. The 2nd Amendment is a Keystone Amendment in the Constitution. With out this right, we as a Republic will not be in a position to defend ourselves, the State and Nation against those who would enslave this nation.


Congressman Collins has been a strong supporter of our 2nd Amendment Rights. I have met and spoken with Congressman Collins on this issue on several occasions. Mr. Collins has always been very approachable, courteous, knowledgeable and willing to engage in discussion and debate on the topic of the right to keep and bear arms. I consider Congressman Collins to be a strong defender of the Constitution.

I also serve as Supervisor for Town of Benton, Yates County, NY, having just been elected to my 4th two-year term. An issue that Congressman Collins has championed for our rural communities is access to the Internet. While citizens in the Metropolitan area of the country now take access to the internet without thought, the rural folks suffer from the lack of access. Congressman Collins has been a champion in the move to connect rural American communities like the one I serve. I applaud his efforts in this area.

In closing, I ask that you consider the service of this man to his community and country. While the actions taken that bring Congressman Collins before you are from my perspective out of character, please consider the greater good that he has done for the people of the 27th Congressional District.

Respectfully yours,


John E. Prendergast


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November 21, 2019

Subject: United States v. Christopher Collins

Dear Judge Broderick;

Congressman Christopher Collins served as my Congressman in the NY 27th District.

In my recent retirement, I have reflected on his service and his support of Ontario County, the community where I worked most recently. One of my areas of focus was and continues to be the suicide and heroin epidemic so prevalent in our region.


While in office, Congressman Collins cosponsored bills related to the National Suicide Hotline (H. R. 4194) and the Opioid Workforce Act of 2019 (H. R. 3414). We are grateful for how aware he was of our issues and how he sought to help as our Representative. He was always ready to listen and would provide letters of support for various grants and initiatives for which we were applying.

This was critical because suicides and opioid use is on the rise in Ontario County. While it may seem small in comparison, our County keeps pace with national statistics. In a population of almost 110,000, there were 17 opioid overdose deaths in 2016 in Ontario County. This number jumped to 30 in 2017. In this last week, seven opioid overdoses were reported in Ontario County in just one night. And, between 2006 and 2016, Ontario County lost 137 people to suicide.

Recently, one of our advocates visited Washington, D. C. and had occasion to drop by the office of Congressman Collins. He stopped what he was doing and spent time to truly understand and to support the issues she shared. He remained responsive to future requests to his office. We were very supported as constituents of Congressman Collins.

I admire how steadfastly Congressman Collins supports the Republican values I share. He is a man of substance and character in a time with too much division in our country. I respectfully request consideration of his inherent and good heart and for his good work on behalf of his constituents.

Respectfully yours,



Bonnie Ross

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Congress of the United States
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December 6, 2019

Hon. Vernon S. Broderick
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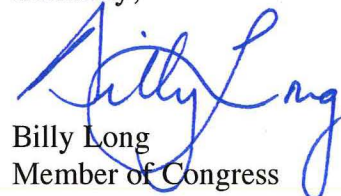
Dear Judge Broderick,

My name is Billy Long, and I am a Congressman who represents the 7th Congressional District of Missouri where I was born and raised. My Great Uncle Paul Pickering lived in Kansas City and worked for the Kansas City Star for years. When Paul would run across someone who talked to excess, he would surmise that when they were a baby, they had been vaccinated with a Victrola needle. When I met Chris Collins, the first thing I thought of was Uncle Paul. I thought Paul would have said, "this guy must have been vaccinated with a Victrola needle." It was like he had Tourette Syndrome minus the cuss words.

Chris was always affable, friendly, upbeat, and open; he never met a stranger and doesn't have a mean bone in his body. Harry Truman famously said, "when you first get elected to Congress, you spend the first six months thinking, 'wow, how did I ever get here?' Then for the rest of your career, you think, 'wow, how did some of these other people ever get here?'" I never wondered how Chris got here as he had a real passion for his district and the 725,000 constituents he represented.

I've met a lot of people and interacted with them over my 30-year career as a real estate broker and auctioneer plus another 9 years serving in Congress. I believe in my 64 years I've become a pretty good judge of character. Back home, when someone is of good character, our term for them is "they're good people." In my opinion, Chris Collins is "good people." Being a judge, I'm sure you've seen good people make bad decisions, and I truly believe that is what happened here. I would be honored if you would take my ramblings here into consideration as you sentence my friend Chris.

Sincerely,


Billy Long
Member of Congress